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Rejection
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60.130-1226 (99MRA0205)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Foster et al.
SERIAL NO.: 10/004,294 EXAMINER: Nguyen, Trinh T.
FILED: October 24, 2001 GROUP ART UNIT: 3726
FOR: Vehicle With Large Planar Composite Panels

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action of February 10, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

Claims 16-35 remain in the application including independent claims 16 and 31. Applicant assumes that all claim objections, all rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, and all objections to the abstract, which were set forth in the previous official action, have been overcome.

Applicant strongly objects to the issuance of a final rejection and requests that the examiner review any decision to uphold the subject final rejection with examiner's supervisor in light of the arguments presented below. The examiner argues, "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office Action." In the previous Office Action of August 19, 2002, claims 18-30 were not rejected under any cited prior art. Claims 17-36 were objected to because of a skipped claim number and claims 18-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for the same reason. Claims 33-35 were